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SUBJECT: GDR PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL

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1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND JANUARY 22 CARRIES ON PAGE ONE THE  
TEXT OF A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE  
GDR STATE COUNCIL ERICH HONECKER TO PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION.

THE TEXT READS: ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TAKING OFFICE,

I SEND YOU BEST WISHES ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT

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TO EXPRESS MY CONVICTION THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF  
THE PEOPLE OF BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES, AND THAT IT SERVES

THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE, TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND

THE UNITED STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES AGREED

TO AT HELSINKI.

2. ON JANUARY 21 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CARRIED A SHORT REPORT, AGAIN ON ITS FRONT PAGE, REPORTING THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER WITHOUT COMMENT. THE SHORT NEWS STORY REFERS TO THE STATEMENT IN THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS CONCERNING DISARMAMENT AND THE NEED TO SETTLE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, THE LATTER TAKEN FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES. IT ALSO QUOTES THE SENTENCE FROM THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS WHICH STATES THAT "EVEN OUR GREAT NATION HAS ITS RECOGNIZED LIMITS" AND "WE CAN NEITHER ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS NOR SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS."

3. COMMENT: GDR COVERAGE OF THE INAUGURATION, AS ITS PREVIOUS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, HAS BEEN PRIMARILY FACTUAL AND WITHOUT COMMENT. THE SECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH CHOSEN FOR LOCAL EMPHASIS HOWEVER ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO SHOW THAT THE GDR THINKS THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONDUCT A RESTRICTED FOREIGN POLICY. CHIEF OF STATE HONECKER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT IS CONSISTENT WITH GDR PROTOCOL MENTION OF THE HELSINKI PRINCIPLES COULD BE INTERPRETED TO SIGNAL THE GDR'S WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN PERIODIC CONTACTS CONCERNING CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. POLANSKY

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